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Dr. Ivory A. Toldson is the deputy director, for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Prior to this role, Dr. Toldson served as an associate professor at Howard University, senior research analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Negro Education*. He was also contributing education editor for *The Root*, where he debunked some of the most pervasive myths about African-Americans in his *Show Me the Numbers* column.

Dr. Toldson has more than 60 publications, including 4 books, and more than 150 research presentations in 36 US states, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Scotland, South Africa, Paris, and Barcelona. He has been featured on MSNBC, C-SPAN2 Books, NPR News, POTUS on XM Satellite Radio, and numerous local radio stations. His research has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Root*, *The National Journal*, *Essence Magazine*, and *Ebony Magazine*.

Dubbed a leader "who could conceivably navigate the path to the White House" by the *Washington Post*, one of "30 leaders in the fight for Black men," by *Newsweek Magazine*, and the "Problem Solver" by *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*, Dr. Toldson, according to U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan, is "a prolific young scholar and myth buster." According to Capstone Magazine, "Toldson has spent a lot of time traveling across the country talking with teachers about misleading media statistics that invariably either link Black males to crime or question their ability to learn." Dr. Toldson was named in the 2013 *The Root* 100, an annual ranking of the most influential African-American leaders.

After completing coursework for a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Temple University, Dr. Toldson became a correctional and forensic psychology resident at the United States Penitentiary. There, he completed his dissertation on Black Men in the Criminal Justice System. Upon completion, Dr. Toldson joined the faculty of Southern University and became the fourth recipient of the prestigious DuBois Fellowship from the US Department of Justice. He also served as the clinical director of the Manhood Training Village. He has received formal training in applied statistics from the University of Michigan, and held visiting research and teacher appointments at Emory, Drexel, and Morehouse School of Medicine.